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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Markus Loecher

Atty Dkt No.: 2000P09073US01

Serial No.: 10/017,014

Filed: December 14, 2001

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING A POLYNOMIAL
BASED VIRTUAL AGE ESTIMATION FOR REMAINING LIFETIME PREDICTION OF A
SYSTEM

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ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON DC 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Notice of Incomplete reply (non-provisional) dated 04/02/2002 received
in the above-identified application.

The period for reply remains as set forth in the Notice mailed 01/18/2002, subject to extensions of
time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a).

Please consider the accompanying Remarks.

REMARKS

Applicant denies that the above-referenced reply was incomplete.

The Notice of Incomplete reply states that the signature of inventor Christian Darken is missing from the
Declaration.

However, this was not the case. Please see the attached copy of the Declaration as filed (Exhibit
A), which shows the said signature to have been applied by inventor Christian Darken on 2/13/02.

(It is noted by way of helpful clarification that this Declaration is separate from the Declaration of
record signed by inventor Markus Loecher on 2/1/02.)

The Notice of Incomplete reply states that the late filing fee or declaration surcharge was not
received, the balance due by applicant being \$130.00.

However, this was not the case. Applicant's response letter dated February 19, 2002 (copy in
Exhibit B) states in its third paragraph "Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 for the surcharge of
\$130.00...." Accordingly the payment of the fee was authorized and this constitutes payment.

No other deficiencies or incompleteness was alleged.

Since it has been shown that the submitted reply was complete, it is respectfully submitted that the Notice of Incomplete Reply is erroneous and should be vacated.

Accordingly, the present application is in pending status and confirmation of this is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION --
FILING DATE GRANTED

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application having a mailing date of January 18, 2002 and for which a period for response of two (2) months from the mailing date of said Notice was set to expire March 18, 2002.

Enclosed is a Declaration by the present Inventors attached to a copy of the Application filed December 14, 2001. Also enclosed is a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-2179 for the surcharge of \$130.00 in accordance with 37 CFR 1.16(e). Triplicate copies of this Response are enclosed. Issuance of a formal Filing Receipt is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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EXHIBIT A



EXHIBIT B